

Meeting Minutes
City of Sammamish Transportation Committee
Wednesday, July 1 – 9:30 am
Executive Briefing Room 111- Sammamish City Hall

Called to Order:

Committee Chair Tom Odell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Tom Odell (Chair)
Christie Malchow
Bob Keller

Committee Members Absent: None

Other Council Members Present: None

Staff Present: Lyman Howard, City Manager
Jessi Bon, Deputy City Manager
Steve Leniszewski, Public Works Director
Andrew Zagars, City Engineer
Michelle Martin, Administrative Assistant (Recording Secretary)

Others Present: Peter Debolt, Perteet Construction
Paul Stickney, Citizen
Karen Moran, Citizen

Opening Comment – Chairman Odell:

Suggestion to meet with Redmond to discuss the signal problem at the ELSP NE/Hwy 202 intersection. City staff will contact the Redmond Public Works Director. Committee recommends a proactive approach to address citizen comments/concerns relative to follow-up, comments, note of thanks and responses after open public meeting sessions. The GovAlert email messaging system could be utilized to address this request and become the standard for open house responses.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

No Comment; format changes are in process.

Public response to SE 4th Open house on June 22nd:

There were 52 meeting attendees that provided input on the options provided: 27 of the 52 preferred the left turn lane option, in lieu of full median, 10 preferred the full median approach and 15 preferred the hybrid version.

Summary of comments shared by meeting attendees:

- Concern about adjacent roadways being impacted by higher volumes on SE 4th, SE 8th on the 218th corridor
- Concerns about buses navigating roundabouts
- Concerns about traffic speed too high
- Planting strips not needed
- Flashing pedestrian beacons requested at roundabouts
- Request for an overpass at the Green Spine to allow for safe pedestrian crossing

- Concern about the maintenance of medians and the vegetation management plan, considering some of the medians in the City are not aesthetically appealing. Why not expand to 4 lanes? (verbal & written) There was a verbal request for compensation to the property owners for being inconvenienced by the roadway construction. The consultant clarified that this request comes up often, but is not something that can be compensated for.

Design Concepts to SE 4th Street Road Improvement Project:

Peter Debolt from Perteet, the City's design consultant, provided a presentation and included information based on feedback received at the recent public meeting. Concern was raised about school buses going through the roundabouts. The roundabouts can accommodate the buses and this will be discussed with the School District.

One resident at the public meeting inquired about adding speed bumps at 216th Ave SE uphill toward 218th Ave SE. The consultant noted that adding speed bumps in this location could impede emergency response by 7 seconds per bump if implemented. The Committee's consensus is not to recommend speed bumps at that location due to public safety and other operational concerns.

The Committee and staff discussed the location of mailboxes and agreed they should be on both sides of road; the postmaster will be contacted relative to that request.

The Committee deliberated for a considerable length of time on the preferred roadway design at the west end of the SE 4th project. Deputy City Manager Jessi Bon summarized the five following design objectives and suggested that staff the consultants would prepare a revised road section for review and discussion at the next Transportation Committee Meeting:

1. Engineering recommendations to meet safety standards
2. Residents ability to make left hand turns out of their driveways
3. Continuity of the "look and feel" of the SE 4th roadway corridor (potential for smaller medians)
4. No small medians
5. Commitment to a flexible plan as property ownership changes and additional development along the SE 4th corridor continues

The Committee requested updated graphics for the next meeting that incorporates the discussion items above. They also requested the analysis of time of travel through the corridor for intersections with signals versus roundabouts. In the future, it was requested that this data be presented at the public meetings so that attendees understand the basis for roadway design recommendations.

Sahalee Way:

Chairman Odell opened discussions on Sahalee way with a suggestion to extend the project scope to Safeway and to the Gray Barn. Staff would like to begin the design phase this fall with the project to commence in 2018. This item will be further discussed at the Transportation Committee meeting on July 20.

Other:

The Committee agreed to hold another meeting on Monday, July 11 to finalize a recommendation on SE 4th for the City Council discussions. This item is scheduled to go to City Council for approval on Tuesday, July 19. The Committee meetings have been confirmed for the 1st Friday and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

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Councilmember Keller suggested a new committee on Transit be considered to prepare a timely response to ongoing transit initiatives.

Public Comment:

Karen Moran suggested finding out where the residents live who would be most impacted by the changes on SE 4th. Ms. Moran also expressed frustration about the public process. She felt that there was no point to the public meeting if citizen comment was not going to be accepted. She indicated that public comment should happen at a time when input will be considered to influence the design.

Paul Stickney commented regarding Metro's recent visit about shared mobility and Sammamish to be one of the five proto-type efforts for this effort in giving people alternative choices and providing proactive approaches to get people from Sammamish to Issaquah and Redmond.

Staff responded to citizen comments and shared that the Committee work plan includes formalizing the public process for all transportation projects. This work will be done while the project is still in the conceptual stage, so that changes can be made. All agreed that improving the public process is a high priority.

Next Meeting:

Monday, July 11, 2016 at 3:00 pm

Wednesday, July 20 at 9:30 am

Wednesday July 27 at 9:30 am (address ITS)

Meeting Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.
